BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)				
ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR A)				
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)			0,	
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICES)	PSC	DOCKET	NO.	18-1143
PURSUANT TO 26 DEL. C. § 203C)				
("ROUTE54, COLLINS54, WILLIAMSVILLE-)				
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(FILED OCTOBER 18, 2018))				

ORDER NO. 9308

AND NOW, this 20th day of December 2018, the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2018, Artesian Water Company, Inc. ("Artesian") filed an application ("Application"), pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 203(C)(e)(1)b.2, with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to provide water services to five parcels of land in Sussex County, Delaware, more specifically identified as Tax Map Parcel Nos. 533-18.00-26.00, 533-18.00-25.00, 533-19.00-53.01, 533-18.00-28.00, and 533-18.00-28.01 (the "Proposed Service Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission Staff ("Staff") reviewed the Application to ensure compliance with the statutory provisions of 26 Del. C. § 203C and 26 Del. Admin. C. § 2002, the Commission's "Regulations Governing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Water Utilities" (the "Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, Staff notes that the Application included evidence that Artesian had mailed to the landowners of record in the Proposed Service Area a notice regarding the Application and the options available to the landowners of record. In addition, Artesian provided evidence via affidavits of publication to show that it had published notice of the Application in two newspapers of general circulation. Staff also notes that it has received no comments regarding Artesian or the Application in response to the published notices; and

WHEREAS, Staff has submitted to the Commission a memorandum that confirms the Application meets all of the requirements for granting Artesian a CPCN for water services pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 203C and the Regulations. Accordingly, Staff has recommended that the Commission approve the Application;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NO FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:

- 1. Pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 203C, the Commission grants a CPCN to Artesian to provide water services to the Proposed Service Area identified as Sussex County Parcel Nos. 533-18.00-26.00, 533-18.00-25.00, 533-19.00-53.01, 533-18.00-28.00, and 533-18.00-28.01.
- 2. Artesian shall comply with any and all federal, state, county, and local statutes, ordinances, orders, regulations, rules, and permit conditions that are applicable, or may become applicable, to any matter involving water utility services provided to the service territory granted by this CPCN.

3. The Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

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